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THIS PAPER RECEIVES THE COMBINED TELEGRAPHIC-NEWS SERVICE OF THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATED PRESS, THE UNITED PRESS, THE WESTERN ASSOCIATED PRESS, THE NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATED PRESS, AND THE ASSOCIATED PRESS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

BUSINESS-MEN IN POLITICS.

It seems that the circular to which we referred in yesterday's issue has certainly been issued, and the following is a copy of it:

Richmond, Va., December 3, 1896.

Dear Sir: The State of Sound Money has triumphed, and the financial issue has been settled by an overwhelming popular vote of the people of the United States against free silver.

The other great issue, however, in this State, of Honest Elections, remains unsettled, and the open and fraudulent defiance of the people's will in many sections of this State on election day is unrepentant and unpunished.

It is impossible to overstate the importance of continuing the fight for honest elections in which we have embarked. It is imperative for the Virginia League of Sound Money and Honest Elections to place the organization upon a permanent and substantial basis, and to push it with renewed vigor, until it has covered the entire State.

This league has formulated its plans for the fight which is before it, and no time should be lost in pressing them into effect. It is the duty of every citizen to aid in the work of the league, and to guard the rights and liberties of the citizen.

No unbiased citizen, whatever his politics may be, can doubt that the majority of the voters of this State, who exercised the right of suffrage on election day, were against Mr. Bryan and the Chicago platform, and yet by unlawful, fraudulent, and corrupt practices of election boards, registrars, and judges, the will of the majority of the voters of Virginia has been ruthlessly overthrown.

It is now proposed by this league to redouble its efforts for the formation of local leagues throughout the State, and in addition thereto to ask that every citizen of Virginia who is in favor of honest elections enroll himself as a member of this organization, and thus give his countenance and support to the Sound Money and Honest Election League of Virginia.

Suitable blanks for signatures will be furnished upon application to the Secretary of the State League, or to the Secretary of the nearest local league, from either of whom full information can be obtained.

Shall the people of Virginia longer suffer its fair name to be stained by corruption and fraud, or shall they, by vigorous methods, protect the suffrage and guard the rights and liberties of the citizen? Respectfully,

F. T. GLASGOW, President.
A. B. GUNTON, Gen. Attorney.
John R. West, Secretary.

Unimportant variations excepted, this is the same circular that was put forth a few days after the election. It was then so generally condemned by the business community, we had thought no further effort would be made to distribute it. But not so; it has been reprinted, freshly dated, and is now being addressed to well-known citizens throughout the State.

The organization which has sent out this circular is composed largely of business-men of Richmond and Henrico. It would seem that these prefer political agitation and controversy rather than peace and quiet, else they would not force a comparison of Hanna's methods with Democratic methods nearly a year in advance of any election at which the sense of the people can be taken upon the questions at issue.

Observe that this appeal is not addressed to the "Democrats of Virginia," but to "every citizen of Virginia who is in favor of honest elections," etc. In other words, the movement is endorsed in interviews published in the State newspaper of yesterday afternoon by Judge Waddill, treasurer of the Republican Campaign Committee, and McKinley's closest friend in Virginia; Nick Smith, the chairman of the City Republican Committee, and Morgan Treat, the candidate for Republican elector in this district.

In short, we have here, in its formative stage, a party to contest with the Democrats the elections of next fall. So, who ever joins this organization may as well know now as later on that he is falling into line with an opposition party.

There must be something more than "honest elections" behind this movement, because it is well known that the State Senate will be Democratic for some years to come. Hence, no one who really hopes for changes in elective methods can expect success in maintaining the only party which will have it in its power to legislate for our people.

However, we do not care to go into a minute consideration of the questions raised by this circular.

First, we wish to know if it is really true that the league speaks for any considerable number of the business-men of Richmond? We should like to know if it is the judgment of the business-men

that politics should be "pushed with renewed vigor" at this time? Does the league speak for this community when it says that "no time should be lost in pressing the league's plans, etc.?"

Must we regard this circular as a declaration of war? If so, it will be found that the Democratic party can do a little organizing, too. We can form clubs. We can have our literary bureau. We can draw party lines. We can "push on with renewed vigor" while the memory of Hanna's methods are "fresh in the minds of the people, and their revulsion against corrupt methods is vivid and pronounced."

Can it be that any number of business-men here wish to precipitate an election contest on this issue just now? Are they tired of the little hull in agitation that we have had since November 3d? Do they want war?

Well, if that is their position they can get what they want. The party that cast 155,000 votes at the late election in this State continues full of fight, and only waits the word of command. We have our muskets stacked, and are preparing the viands for our Christmas dinners; but it isn't supposable that we shall remain inactive when we see our enemy about to make a flank movement upon us.

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Mr. Hanna is disturbed in mind as to where to have the inauguration hall. He would like to secure the new Library building for this purpose. There, if Mr. Hanna is to lead the dance, his sylph-like form would be viewed by admiring thousands of spectators; but objection is made to having the hall there. Now the court of the Pension-Office building seems to be the place most favored by the Washington people.

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POPULAR PRESIDENTIAL VOTE

As Shown by the Returns Made to the Official Canvassing Boards of the Respective States.

States.	McKinley.	Bryan.	Palmer.	Levering.	Matchett.	Bentley.
Alabama	54,157	121,252	6,884	2,171	.....	850
Arkansas	7,315	116,101	.....	.....	.....	.....
California	148,217	142,938	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colorado	22,279	161,209	.....	.....	.....	.....
Connecticut	28,288	209,749	.....	.....	.....	.....
Delaware	20,372	16,759	.....	.....	.....	.....
Florida	11,389	32,211	.....	.....	.....	.....
Georgia	60,191	24,232	.....	.....	.....	.....
Illinois	6,324	23,192	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indiana	60,417	64,881	.....	.....	.....	.....
Iowa	23,251	223,741	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kansas	15,541	175,042	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kentucky	28,171	27,609	.....	.....	.....	.....
Louisiana	23,007	77,175	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maine	80,420	34,900	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maryland	136,978	104,746	.....	.....	.....	.....
Massachusetts	128,786	193,711	.....	.....	.....	.....
Michigan	203,227	227,551	.....	.....	.....	.....
Minnesota	181,591	139,425	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mississippi	6,358	63,834	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri	204,940	263,623	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montana	10,490	41,800	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska	102,551	116,624	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nevada	1,919	8,359	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hampshire	37,444	21,620	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Jersey	221,211	154,835	.....	.....	.....	.....
New York	271,211	543,835	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Carolina	155,222	174,488	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Dakota	20,285	29,680	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ohio	27,486	47,486	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oregon	48,711	46,239	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pennsylvania	723,300	424,429	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rhode Island	9,312	58,801	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Carolina	9,012	41,221	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Dakota	1,061	1,061	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee	162,506	263,259	.....	.....	.....	.....
Texas	13,461	67,551	.....	.....	.....	.....
Utah	10,490	10,490	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont	135,294	154,785	.....	.....	.....	.....
Washington	39,122	51,647	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Virginia	108,529	92,140	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wisconsin	208,549	163,709	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wyoming	10,672	10,838	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	1,121,234	6,699,265	125,007	125,485	16,016	9,965

In these States Bryan is credited with the votes cast for the Populist ticket: Bry. and Watson, which were: Alabama, 24,092; Arkansas, 2,385; Florida, 2,093; Georgia, 1,687; Kansas, 1,227; Massachusetts, 15,181; Mississippi, 7,239; New Hampshire, 39; Ohio, 415; Pennsylvania, 6,002; Tennessee, 4,325; Texas, 79,996; Utah, 1,061; Vermont, 401; Wyoming, 486. These make a total of 123,375.

McKinley's total vote being 1,121,234, and Bryan's 6,699,265, McKinley's plurality is 623,827.

Bryan secures one elector of the thirteen in Kentucky. McKinley's electoral vote 272; Bryan's 17.

The official canvass of New York State has not yet been declared, but the figures given are from the official county returns sent to the Secretary of State, and which will be counted by the State Board. In Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming it is estimated that they added to women voted, nearly doubling the electoral vote. It is estimated that they added at least 10,000 to the votes for South Dakota are those certified to the Secretary of State.

The figures given for South Dakota are those certified to the Secretary of State. The official canvass has been postponed until December 15th, owing to irregularities in the returns, and it is believed that in Wyoming that certificates of election will be in the hands of the McKinley electors and Republican candidates for representatives. If the McKinley electors should receive the certificates of their vote, as the figures now stand, will be 276, and Bryan's 17.

Will Be Stronger Next Year.

BLACKSBURG, VA., December 10.—(Special.)—Upon the return to college of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute football eleven from Roanoke, where they defeated the cadets from the Virginia Military Institute on Thanksgiving day, the faculty of this year was broken, this being the last game scheduled for the season by the "Techs." The members of the team have since their return been enjoying the hospitality of the faculty, and have been tendered several receptions in honor of their last victory and as a mark of appreciation.

Cadet J. Lewis Hughes, the right half-back, was again chosen captain of the team. Under his leadership the team of 1907 will undoubtedly uphold the enviable record of the past few years. The team will be stronger next year, and great things are expected by the cadets.

Death of an Old Hotel Clerk.

NORFOLK, VA., December 10.—(Special.)—Mr. James Graham, of Portsmouth, died this morning, aged 72 years. He died this morning, aged 72 years. He was a long-continued clerk at the Hotel of Old Point, and was well and favorably known to the public. He was a native of Chester, England. At the time he was employed at the hotel, he was a clerk at the Norfolk navy-yard. He leaves an aged wife, but no children.

Watchmaker, Jeweller & Optician. RETIRING FROM BUSINESS.

Having concluded to turn over the business which I have conducted for the last forty-four years to my sons, A. F. JAHNKE, JR., and ROBERT P. JAHNKE, I take this opportunity of thanking the Richmond public and my friends and customers all over the State of Virginia for the liberal patronage they have for so many years bestowed upon me. In introducing my sons to the public, I take great pleasure in stating that I guarantee that they are in every way capable of undertaking and performing in the best manner any kind of work in the three branches of my business.

WATCH AND CLOCK-MAKING, making and repairing all kinds of jewelry, and a thorough understanding of the adjustment of lenses to all kinds of defective vision. In this branch of my business, my son, A. F. Jahnke, Jr., has had exclusive control for the last eight years, and HAS MADE A PERSONAL REPUTATION. Having, all through my business career in Richmond, made a SPECIALTY OF THE PRACTICAL PARTS OF MY BUSINESS, I AM PROUD TO BE ABLE TO SAY THAT ALL MY BOYS ARE WORKMEN.

The public will do well to examine their watches, and stock of WATCHES, DIAMONDS, JEWELRY, SOLID SILVER AND PLATED WARE, SILVER TRINKETS, and all kinds of FINE SPECIMENS—ALL purchased for this holiday trade—before making their purchases.

A. F. JAHNKE, 912 Main Street. (de 11-F&S&W)

MEETINGS.

MASONIC NOTICE.—DOVE LODGE, No. 51.—The members of DOVE LODGE, No. 51, A. F. & M. S. will attend a stated communication of their lodge at the Masonic Temple, on THURSDAY EVENING, December 11, 1896, at 7 o'clock. Members of sister lodges and transient brethren are fraternally invited.

By order of the W. M., BEN. T. AUGUST, Secretary.

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MASONIC FUNDRAISING NOTICE. MEMBERS OF FRATERNAL LODGE, No. 51, A. F. & M. S. are requested to attend a called communication at the Masonic Temple, on FRIDAY, December 11th, at 7 o'clock, to pay the last and tribute of respect to our late brother, R. W. DREWRY.

By order of the W. M., J. F. GLENN, Secretary.

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AMUSEMENTS.

Richmond, Va., December 10, 1896.

THE RICHMOND THEATRE.—A MEETING of the stockholders of the MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK, of Richmond, Va., will be held at their banking-house, on THURSDAY, January 12, 1897, at 12 o'clock M.

J. F. GLENN, Cashier.

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